

HOUSE BILL 435

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,  
Chapter 14, Part 2 and Title 16, Chapter 2, Part 5,  
to create a new circuit court in the twenty-second  
judicial district.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-202(d)(1) is amended by deleting the number "5" in the row pertaining to assistant district public defender positions in Judicial District 22, and by substituting instead the number "6".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506, is amended by deleting subdivision (22) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(22)

(A) The twenty-second judicial district consists of the counties of Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the twenty-second judicial district in their respective capacities. Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-second judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight-year term. Effective July 1, 2007, there is created an additional circuit court in the twenty-second judicial district. The governor shall appoint a person to serve as judge of the newly created circuit court in accordance with the provisions of § 17-4-118. The person so appointed shall serve in such capacity until September 1, 2008, or until the person's successor is elected and qualified. At the August 2008 general election, the qualified voters of the twenty-second judicial district shall elect, in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, a person to serve as judge

for the circuit court created herein. The person so elected at the August 2008 election shall hold office until September 1, 2014, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the judge shall be elected for full eight-year terms;

(B) The district attorney general of the twenty-second judicial district is entitled to nine (9) assistant district attorney general positions and two (2) criminal investigator positions;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.